

RULES AND ARTICLES
OF THE
HAND IN HAND FIRE COMPANY,

IN THE
Town of Halifax,

INSTITUTED
THE 28TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1789.

Revised

AT
THE ANNUAL MEETING

Held the 7th December, 1825.

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RULES, &C.

TO BE OBSERVED

BY THE

HAND IN HAND FIRE COMPANY.

It is the indispensable duty of every Member of a Community, more especially in compact Towns, to guard against the fatal effects of Fire ; and to prevent as much as possible the dreadful consequences of so alarming and destructive a calamity. And it is generally acknowledged, from the experience of every well regulated Society, that Public Associations have the best tendency to prevent those evils—which are too frequently felt by the unfortunate—from the baseness and treachery of wicked and designing persons, who avail themselves of the confusion, incident to such events, as affording a favourable opportunity for the perpetration of their vile and inhuman practices. We the President and Members of the HAND-IN-HAND FIRE COMPANY, convinced of the truth of these facts, and satisfied that many and great benefits result from the establishment of Fire Companies, and reposing special trust and confidence in the honor and integrity of each other, do agree to the following Rules—(being a revision and consolidation of the standing Regulations of the Society)—as passed at a General Quarterly Meeting of the Company, held on the 7th day of December. And we

pledge ourselves to each other to observe these Rules—and all others which may be duly made in addition, amendment, or alteration thereof.

R U L E 1.

MEMBERS.—The Society shall be confined to sixty acting Members, exclusive of Honorary Members.

R U L E 2.

THE OFFICERS.—The Officers shall consist of a President, Vice President and Secretary, to be chosen from the acting Members, at the Annual Meeting in December. They shall serve for a Year, unless removed or incapacitated. Any vacancy which may happen, shall be filled up at the first subsequent Meeting, in the same manner as prescribed for the usual Annual Election.

R U L E 3.

ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT.—The President shall first be chosen in the following manner:—Each Member present shall write on a slip of paper the name of the person whom he proposes as a Candidate, and shall deliver it folded up to the President; who when the whole are collected shall declare the Candidate, for whom most votes are given, duly elected. The Vice President shall be next elected in the same manner as the President.

R U L E 4.

ELECTION OF THE SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall be last chosen, and in the following manner:—The Members exempted from serving in this office shall first be ascertained, and these shall be—

1st. In all cases the President and Vice President elected for the ensuing year.

2dly. All Members who shall have been elected to the office of Secretary, within five years then preceding, and who either served or paid the composition, in case after such exceptions there shall remain at least

five other Members having no such privilege. In such case the election for Secretary shall take place among such Members only, as have either never before been elected Secretary, or whose election occurred upwards of five years previously. But if, after such exceptions there should not remain at least 5 such unprivileged Members, then the election shall take place among the whole Company of efficient Members, without any other exemption than of the said President and Vice President.

And to prevent confusion it is declared that, after any such Ballot among the whole Society, no privilege of exemption shall be allowed, except such as shall commence subsequent thereto.

Having ascertained the Members liable to serve as Secretary as aforesaid—the Secretary shall prepare a list of their names, together with Tickets equal to the number of such Members, which shall be marked from No. 1 upwards and folded up. From among these Tickets every Member on the said list present, shall draw one, and the President or Vice President shall draw one for every such Member who may then be absent; and he, to whose lot upon such drawing No. One shall first fall, shall be bound to fill the office of Secretary for the ensuing year—or to pay the composition hereafter declared. Whenever the Member thus drawing No. One shall prefer to pay the composition, the drawing shall be renewed and continued in like manner, until one is found willing to serve. But in case the lot shall fall on an absent Member, whose decision whether to pay or serve cannot then be ascertained, a conditional Ballot shall be taken and proceeded with in like manner, until either some Member present willing to serve shall draw No. 1, or until the lot shall have successively fallen on 5 of the absent Members. The Secretary shall then make a Roster, at the head of which he shall put the absent Member for whom No. 1 was first drawn, as aforesaid, and then, in the order of the drawing, the other Members, to whose lot No. 1 afterwards fell on such conditional Ballot. And he shall without delay, apply to the said Members in succession, as they stand on

the said roster, who shall one after the other be bound to serve or pay the composition, until one of them shall accept the said office ; in which case all those standing on the said roster, before the one so accepting shall pay each the composition ; and the drawing of those standing *after* him on the Roster, shall be to all purposes void and nugatory. If no Member shall accept the said office previous to the next Meeting of the Society, the subject shall then be taken into consideration, and if necessary a new election be made in the same manner as before ; excepting always therefrom, any Member, who having been elected at the preceding Meeting, paid the composition. And in all cases, until a Member shall be found to accept the said office, the former Secretary shall continue to act and to be to all intents the Secretary of the Society.

RULE 5.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.—Every Candidate shall be openly proposed at a General Meeting, by some Member of the Society ; upon which the sense of the Company present shall be taken by Ballot with Beans : and the Candidate shall be considered elected if he have three fourths of the votes of the Members present in his favor. The Member who proposes a Candidate shall stand pledged to the Company, that he is duly authorised by the Candidate to do so. In case any Candidate after his election, shall decline to join the Society, and it shall be considered that the Member who proposed him did so without due authority, the Company may, in its discretion, fine such Member at the rate specified in the Schedule of Fines.

RULE 6.

DUTY OF PRESIDENT.—It shall be the duty of the President to direct and regulate the Members, as far as possible, when called out at any Fire : he shall preserve strict order in the Company at their several Meetings : attend to the Motions made by the Members ; and when seconded, put them to vote. He

shall not on any account take a part in any argument ; or offer an opinion, unless specially requested by one of the Members : nor give any but a casting vote.

R U L E 7.

DUTY OF VICE PRESIDENT.—It shall be the duty of the Vice President to supply the place of the President, whenever the latter shall be absent from Fires, or the Meetings of the Company ; and, when present on these occasions, to assist him in the performance of his duties.

R U L E 8.

DUTY OF SECRETARY.—As soon as a new Secretary is absolutely appointed, and has accepted the office, his Predecessor shall immediately deliver to him all the books, articles, and money of the Society in his possession. And the Secretary for the time being, shall always be answerable to the Society for the books, articles and money which ought to be in his possession.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend at all Inspections of the Equipments of the Company ; to warn the Members for all Meetings ; to call the Roll and keep a Minute of the Proceedings of each Meeting ; to collect all Fines and Dues, and make such payments as may be directed by the President or the Company ; and to make a fair and perfect Entry of all the transactions of the Society. He shall, before every Quarterly Meeting, enter, in a Book, to be kept specially for that purpose, any alterations or additions which may be made to the permanent Rules of the Society, so that the same may always appear distinct from the common business of the Company. In such Book he shall always keep a correct List of the Members of the Company with the dates of their admission. At every Meeting he shall have a fair List prepared of the Fines and Dues standing against each Member ; and shall serve each Member before every Meeting with a notice of the amount of Fines and Dues (if any) standing against him. He shall bring the Books of the Society to each

Meeting ; and generally he shall execute all other duties imposed on him by the Rules of the Society.

R U L E 9.

DUTY OF MEMBERS.—Each Member shall, within one month after his admission into this Company, furnish himself, at his own expense, with two good Leather Buckets, strong and well made, to contain nearly three gallons of water, with proper and substantial handles ; also with two bags each of one yard and three quarters in length, made of ravens duck, having strings fixed in order to close them when filled ; together with a belt and straps to carry the bags : and likewise with a Fireman's Hat, with flaps. The crown of the Hat to be painted white, and the Buckets and Bags to be marked with the owner's name at length : and underneath upon the Buckets, and also on the front of the Hat, two clasped hands, handsomely painted, to designate them as the property of the Members of this Company. The Hat, Buckets, Lanthorns, and Bags shall be constantly placed or hung up in the most convenient part of the house ; and shall not be used or removed on any pretence whatever, except on an alarm of Fire.

R U L E 10.

DUTY OF MEMBERS.—There shall always be provided, at the expense of the Company, Twelve Lanthorns and Bed Keys, which shall be distributed by the President, at the Meeting in December, to such Members as he shall choose, and be retained by them for a Year. Every person who shall so receive a Lanthorn or Bed Key, shall keep the same constantly hung up with his other Equipments, in the most convenient part of his Dwelling House ; and shall not use them on any other occasion than on an alarm of Fire. Each Lanthorn shall be constantly kept provided by the Member having charge of it, with a Candle ready fitted for use ; and with another whole candle in the tin case of such Lanthorn. The Members shall respectively produce the Lanthorn and Bed Keys in their charge, at the Quarterly

Meeting in December, to be delivered to such persons as shall be appointed to receive them. The Secretary shall regularly enter on the Proceedings the names of those to whom Lanthorns, Bed Keys or extra Buckets are given.

Each Member shall be provided by the Secretary with a printed set of the Rules which he shall bring to the December Meeting.

R U L E 11.

OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY.—Every Member, upon hearing an alarm of Fire, shall immediately repair with his Hat, Buckets, Bags, and Lanthorn entrusted to him, to the place of Alarm—and there give every assistance in his power, for the preservation of the effects of his fellow Townsmen. But whenever the property of any Member of the Company shall be in real danger, the saving thereof shall be the primary object of the Company's care and attention; for which purpose the Members shall severally go to the house or store containing the effects in danger, and proceed in removing them, agreeably to the directions of the owner if present, or otherwise as shall appear best for his interest and benefit. And every Member who through negligence or indolence shall omit to give his attendance or assistance on such an occasion, shall be forever expelled the Company; unless he can, at the next Quarterly Meeting, give a satisfactory reason to the Company for his omission.

And in order to preserve regularity, and to prevent any deceit or imposition from intruders, at the removal of effects in the time of fire, one of the Members shall stand as Sentinel at the door of the house where the Company is employed. And on all occasions of Fire the Members shall obey the directions of the officers.

R U L E 12.

ENGINE COMPANIES.—As the present Engine Companies in this Town are entitled to the first care and attention of the Inhabitants in time of Fire, this Compa-

ny will extend to them the same aid and relief as if they were actually Members thereof ; and also to such other Engine Companies as may hereafter be formed.

R U L E 13.

INSPECTION AFTER FIRE AND BEFORE QUARTERLY MEETINGS.—The Secretary and one Member shall make a careful inspection of all the equipments of every Member of the Society—and also of all the Ladders, Pumps, fire hooks and other articles of the Company—at the time of warning for each Quarterly Meeting ; and a like inspection shall be made, under an order from the President, within a week after every Fire. And a report in writing of such inspection, signed by the persons making it, shall be delivered at the next Quarterly Meeting. Every person, upon whom the Secretary may choose to call, shall be bound to attend him on this duty, unless such as have performed the same duty within a year preceding.

R U L E 14.

ARTICLES LOST AT FIRE.—If any of the Members of the Company shall lose his or their Hats, Buckets, Bags, or Lanthorns at a Fire, and shall declare the same at the first Meeting of the Company after the Fire, and that upon his honor he hath made a diligent and proper search for their recovery—the expense of replacing such Hats, Buckets, Bags, or Lanthorns, shall be paid out of the funds of the Company. But in every case the loser shall forthwith replace the article lost, without waiting the decision of the Company, so as to prevent the deficiency of any of those useful articles.

R U L E 15.

APPLICATION OF MONIES OF SOCIETY.—The Monies remaining from time to time in the Secretary's hands, shall be applied either in supplying the Buckets, Hats, Bags, or Lanthorns that may be lost, or for such other beneficial purposes as the Company, at any Meeting, shall deem expedient.

R U L E 16.

MEETINGS.—There shall be four Quarterly Meetings in every Year. They shall be held at such place as the President, or, in his absence, the Vice President, shall appoint, and upon the first Wednesday of December, March, June, and September, respectively : at seven o'clock in the Evening in the first two months, and at eight o'clock in the others. The President also for the time being, or in his absence the Vice President, may at any time, on the request in writing, of any six or more Members, summon a Special Meeting of the Company, upon any particular business.

R U L E 17.

SUMMONS.—Each Member shall be warned to attend every Meeting, by a Notice in writing, which the Secretary shall leave at his dwelling house, at latest on the day next preceding that on which it is to be held. The Notice for the December Meeting shall particularly express that there is an additional Fine for non-attendance on that Evening.—The amount of Fines due by the respective Members shall be noted on the **SUMMONS.**

R U L E 18.

CALLING ROLL.—At the hours fixed for Meeting, the Roll of the Company shall be called over and the names as well of those who do not answer, as of those who do, shall be entered on the Proceedings. To prevent any difference with respect to the hour of meeting, the President, or in his absence the Vice President, or Chairman for the evening, shall regulate his watch by the Town Clock—and his decision as to the time of calling the Roll shall be final.

R U L E 19.

BUSINESS OF MEETING.—At each Quarterly Meeting the Proceedings of the last Quarterly Meeting and subsequent Special Meetings, shall be read immediately after Roll call; and before an adjournment is moved.

the Proceedings of the Meeting shall be read by the Secretary; after which they shall not be called in question,

R U L E 20.

ORDER AT MEETINGS.—For the preservation of good order and regularity at all meetings, every Member, when addressing the President, shall stand; and any person who shall interrupt him in any manner, or shall converse on any subject while a member is addressing the President, shall be called to order by him, or by the Vice President; and shall, if refractory, be subject to the fines declared for such offence in the Schedule of Fines part of these rules. All motions shall be determined by the majority except the admission of new members. But a motion for altering any printed rule shall not be considered as carried, unless there appear a majority of two thirds of the Company present in favor of it. Members are not to leave the room, during business, without leave of the President.

R U L E 21.

HONORARY MEMBERS.—Every Member who has been enrolled in the Company for twenty years, shall at his request be entered as an Honorary Member. Every such Honorary Member paying the quarterly dues shall be exempt from attendance on meetings and from all fines.

R U L E 22.

Every Member on his admission into the Company, shall pay a fee of Five Shillings.

Every Member shall pay on each Quarterly Meeting, in aid of the Funds, One Shilling and Three Pence.

Every Member present at any Meeting, shall pay for the Evening dues, One Shilling and Three Pence.

R U L E 23.

FINES.—The following Fines shall be imposed and paid, for the Offences undermentioned :—

For proposing a Candidate without his authority, Five Shillings.

Not providing Hat, Buckets, and Bags, each Five Shillings.

Not providing Straps, One Shilling and Three Pence.

Not providing Candles, each 7^d. One Shilling and Three Pence.

Using improperly or having out repair, or not in proper place, either Hats, Buckets, Bags, Lanthorns, or Bed Key, each One Shilling and Three Pence ; and the Bags and Buckets to be considered separately.

Neglecting to take to the Fire all the Articles required by the Rules, each article, Two Shillings and Six Pence.

Absence at Roll Call, Seven Pence Half-penny.

Leaving the Room without leave, One Shilling and Three Pence.

Not taking Bed Keys to a Fire or December Meeting, One Shilling and Three Pence.

Not taking Lanthorns to December Meeting, One Shilling and Three Pence.

Contumacious conduct at Meeting, One Shilling and Three Pence. If the same should be continued, Fine doubled.

Absence the whole Evening, in addition to Quarterly dues, Two Shillings and Six Pence.

Absence at the *December* Meeting, in addition to the Quarterly dues, Three Shillings and Nine Pence. The Fine for not bringing Lanthorn and Bed Keys to December Meeting not to be added to the Fine for absence.

Refusal to serve as Secretary, Ten Shillings.

Want of Books at Meeting in December, One Shilling and Three Pence.

Secretary to bring his Book each Quarterly Meeting, Fine for non compliance, One Shilling and Three Pence.

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT.

For non attendance, to pay half Fine additional.

SECRETARY.

For neglecting Quarterly Inspection altogether, Ten Shillings.

Other Neglects, subject to reduction at the discretion of the Meeting, Five Shillings.

Refusing to attend the Secretary or Inspecting Committee, each Member Ten Shillings.



The Fire Hooks and Ladders are deposited in the Government House Lane.

There are two Pumps belonging to the Company—one on Pryor's Wharf, in charge of Mr. William Pryor; the other on Ryan's Wharf, in charge of Mr. George P. Lawson.



Names of the Fire Wardens for the Town of Halifax.

SOUTH SUBURBS.

Edward Pryor, Frederick Major, James Bain, and James Tremain.

TOWN.

St. Peter's Ward.—John Albro, C. R. Fairbanks, and J. E. Fairbanks.

St. Matthew's Ward.—John Dempster, and Lawrence Hartshorne.

St. Paul's Ward.—George N. Russel, and William A. Black.

County Court House Ward.—Thomas Boggs, and William Minns.

St. John's Ward.—John Liddell, John Clarke, and Joseph Allison.

North Barrack Ward.—Michael Tobin, and S. W. Deblois.

NORTH SUBURBS.

Hon. Enos Collins, John Starr, James N. Shannon, and Samuel Cunard.

Committee of the Fire Wardens appointed to Manage and Direct at Fires.—Richard Tremain, Thomas Boggs, Hon. Enos Collins, John Albro, and John Starr.

Edward Pryor, and John Clark to superintend and direct the Axe-men.



Fire Engine Company for the Town of Halifax.

JAMES DECHMAN, Captain.

First Division.—David Hutton, Lieutenant ; Henry Hill, John Johnston, John Farquhar, Thomas Mackie, James Carter, Thomas Pallister, William J. Rogers, John Mitchell, William Kerr, William Calwell, Donald McLennan, Timothy Connors, William Barnett, William Murray, Alexander Malcolm, George Barns, James Wilkie, James Mahony, Hunter St. Andrews.

Second Division.—James Smith, Lieutenant ; Joel Martin, James Carmichael, Edward Sturmy, Thomas Cassedy, James Irwin, John Drillio, Andrew Crawford, George S. Wilson, Daniel McLean, John Winton, Thomas Wilson, Robert McKay.

Third Division.—James Murphy, Lieutenant ; Robert Penny, Henry Spike, James Bricken, John Benzie, John Wilson, William Varge, James Thomson.

Fourth Division.—Michael Byron, Lieutenant ; Elias Cabbot, Secretary ; George Little, John West, Robert Norris, Alexander Boyle, Robert Woodhill.



Axe Fire Men for the Town of Halifax.

William Fennerty, Captain ; Michael Creamer, Lieutenant ; George Jost, Peter Hall, John McNeal, Robert Richardson, William Gordon, Errol Boyd, John Longard, Edward Longard, Thomas McKie, John McKenzie, William Marvin, James Grant, William Johnson, William Strickland, John Metzler, Henry Miller, John Sheffer, George Booth, James McNutt, William Rose, William Grant, Matthew Lownds, David Crawl, Patrick Mahony, Nicholas Wright, Thomas Lownds, Stephen Hull.

Names of the present Acting Members.

~~James Tidmarsh,~~~~Thomas Wallace,~~~~Lawrence Doyle,~~Charles R. Fairbanks,

William Bruce Almon,

John Dempster,~~William Poyer,~~ N. M. 5

George P. Lawson,

J. N. Shannon,

James G. A. Creighton,

George B. Creighton,

James W. Johnson,

William Allan,

S. G. W. Archibald,R. I. Uniacke,~~Edmond Wallace,~~

Mather Almon,

Adam Grievé,

~~Robert Story,~~

Rupert Cochran,

~~James D. Fraser,~~

James Sawyer,

James Boggs,

William B. Fairbanks,

Alexander G. Fraser,

William Lawson, Jun.

M. Tobin Jr.

Jas. S. Haskin +

Jas. F. Avery

Thos. G. Grapple +

Stephen Benny.

David Allison +

W. B. Robertson

~~Robt. Lawson~~

L. O. G. Doyle +

J. C. H. Clarke +

Henry Poyer

Hugh Hartshorne +

Edw. Allison

Geo. A. Young

W. L. Starr

Robt. Lawson

J. F. Gray

Wm. Bowdman

In Stirling

J. C. Allison
 Joseph Pambank
 J. C. Halliburton
 Henry Newman
 W. S. Larritt Jr.
 R. Tremain Jr.
 J. L. Starr
 Andrew Wriack
 Wm. Ingo
 Jas. S. Ritchie
 C. W. H. Harris
 Edw. Lawton
 Edw. Poyor
 Edw. Seaford
 Edw. Archibald
 Wentworth Flagg
 Geo. C. Whidden
 Ed. Horton
 W. Larritt
 J. E. Starr
 J. A. Moren
 Ed. Binney
 W. F. Black
 Saml. D. Smith

J. W. Ritchie
 Jas. Hoar
~~J. B. B. B. B.~~
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 Geo. Poyor 3rd Dec.
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Names of the Honorary Members.

~~John George Pyke,~~ *Ad*

~~Richard John Uniacke,~~ *Ad*

~~John Ellis,~~ *Ad*

~~John Lawson,~~ *Ad*

~~James Stewart,~~ *Ad*

Brenton Haliburton,

~~John Boyd,~~ *Ad*

Thomas Boggs,

~~Jonathan Tremain, Sen.~~ *Ad*

Matthew Richardson,
Lawrence Doyle

Henry Yeomans,
James Edmond

~~Jones Fawson,~~ *27*

William Pryor

John Archibald

elected 7 Dec. 1831.